

§ 894.203 If I have a self plus one enrollment, when may I change which family member I want to cover or change to self only?

You may change your covered *family member* under a self plus one enrollment or change to self only coverage in the following situations:

- (a) During the annual open season;
- (b) If your covered *family member* dies during the year; or
- (c) If your covered *family member* loses eligibility during the year.

§ 894.204 May I be enrolled in more than one dental or vision plan at a time?

You may be enrolled in a FEDVIP dental plan and a separate FEDVIP vision plan at the same time. But no one may enroll or be covered as a family member in a FEDVIP dental or vision plan if he or she is covered under another person's FEDVIP dental or vision self plus one or self and family enrollment, except as provided under § 890.302 (a)(2) through (4) of this chapter, with respect to dual enrollments.

Subpart C—Eligibility

§ 894.301 Am I eligible to enroll in the FEDVIP?

You are eligible if—

- (a) You meet the definition of *employee* in 5 U.S.C. 8901(1), unless you are in an excluded position;
- (b) You are an employee of the United States Postal Service or the District of Columbia courts; or
- (c)(1) You were employed by the Architect of the Capitol as a Senate Restaurants employee the day before the food services operations of the Senate Restaurants were transferred to a private business concern; and
- (2) You accepted employment by the business concern and elected to continue your Federal retirement benefits and your FEDVIP coverage. You continue to be eligible for FEDVIP coverage as long as you remain employed by the business concern or its successor.

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§ 894.302 What is an excluded position?

Excluded positions are described in 5 U.S.C. 8901(1)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) and 5 CFR 890.102(c), except that employees of the United States Postal Service and District of Columbia courts are not excluded positions.

You are in an excluded position if you are:

- (a) An *employee* of a corporation supervised by the Farm Credit Administration, if private interests elect or appoint a member of the board of directors.
- (b) An *employee* who is not a citizen or national of the United States and your permanent duty station is outside the United States. *Exception:* You are eligible if you met the definition of *employee* on September 30, 1979, by service in an Executive agency, the United States Postal Service, or the Smithsonian Institution in the area that was then known as the Canal Zone.
- (c) An *employee* of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- (d) An individual first employed by the Government of the District of Columbia on or after October 1, 1987, except employees of the District of Columbia Courts and those employees defined at § 890.102 (c)(8) of this chapter.
- (e) Serving under an appointment limited to 1 year or less. *Exceptions:* You are eligible if:
 - (1) You are an acting postmaster;
 - (2) You are a Presidential appointee appointed to fill an unexpired term;
 - (3) You are an *employee* with a provisional appointment, as defined in § 316.401 and § 316.403 of this chapter; or
 - (4) You have completed 1 year of current continuous employment, excluding any break in service of 5 *days* or less.
- (f) You are expected to work fewer than 6 months in each year. *Exception:* You are eligible if you are employed under an OPM-approved career-related work-study program under Schedule B. To qualify, your work-study program must last at least 1 year, and you must be expected to be in pay status for at least one-third of the total period of time from the date of your first appointment to the date you complete the work-study program.

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(g) An intermittent *employee* (a non-full-time *employee* without a pre-arranged regular tour of duty).

(h) A beneficiary or patient *employee* in a Government hospital or home.

(i) Paid on a contract or fee basis. *Exception:* You are eligible if you are a United States citizen, and you are appointed by a contract between you and the Federal employing authority. To qualify, your contract must require your personal service, and you must be paid on the basis of units of time.

(j) Paid on a piecework basis. *Exception:* You are eligible if your work schedule provides for full-time or part-time service, and you have a regularly scheduled tour of duty.

(k) The following positions are not excluded positions:

(1) An employee appointed to perform “part-time career employment,” as defined in section 3401 (2) of title 5, U.S.C., and 5 CFR part 430, subpart B; or

(2) An employee serving under an interim appointment established under § 772.102 of this chapter.

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§ 894.303 What happens to my enrollment if I transfer to an excluded position?

(a) If you have FEDVIP coverage and you transfer to a position excluded under § 894.302(a) through (d), your enrollment stops.

(b) If you have FEDVIP coverage and you transfer to a position excluded under § 894.302(e) through (j) with no break in service of more than 3 days, your enrollment is not affected. If you have a break in service of more than 3 days, your enrollment stops.

(c) If you did not elect to enroll in FEDVIP and then transfer to an excluded position, you lose all rights to enroll at that time.

§ 894.304 Am I eligible to enroll if I'm retired or receiving workers' compensation?

If you are retired, receiving workers' compensation, or are a survivor *annuitant*, you are eligible if you meet the definition of *annuitant* in 5 U.S.C. 8901(3).

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§ 894.305 Am I eligible to enroll if I am a former spouse receiving an apportionment of annuity?

No. Former spouses receiving an apportionment of annuity are not eligible to enroll in FEDVIP.

§ 894.306 Are foster children eligible as family members?

Yes, foster children may be eligible for coverage as family members under FEDVIP.

§ 894.307 Are disabled children age 22 or over eligible as family members?

A *child* age 22 or over is an eligible family member if the *child* is incapable of self-support because of a physical or mental disability that existed before the *child* reached age 22.

Subpart D—Cost of Coverage

§ 894.401 How do I pay premiums?

(a) *Employees* pay premiums through payroll allotments.

(b) *Annuitants* and survivor *annuitants* pay premiums through annuity allotments.

(c) *Compensationers* pay premiums through allotments from *compensation* payments.

(d) In limited circumstances, individuals may make direct premium payments. See § 894.405.

§ 894.402 Do the premiums I pay reflect the cost of providing benefits?

The premiums you pay shall reasonably and equitably reflect the cost of the benefits provided.

§ 894.403 Are FEDVIP premiums paid on a pre-tax basis?

(a) Your FEDVIP premiums are paid on a pre-tax basis (called premium conversion) if you are an active *employee*, your salary is sufficient to make the premium allotments, and your agency is able to make pre-tax allotments.

(b) Your FEDVIP premiums are *not* paid on a pre-tax basis if:

(1) You are an *employee* in nonpay status or an *employee* whose salary is not high enough to make premium allotments, or your agency is unable to make pre-tax allotments;

(2) You are an *annuitant*, a survivor *annuitant*, or a *compensation*er;